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## **Whitney Lake to host activities for National Public Lands Day at McCown Valley Group Shelter**

FORT WORTH – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today that Whitney Lake will host activities in honor of National Public Lands Day (NPLD) Sept. 20. Registration originally scheduled at Lofers Bend Day Use Shelter has been moved to McCown Valley Group Shelter and will begin at 8:30 a.m.

NPLD is the largest volunteer clean up of its kind. To emphasize the importance of volunteerism within the community, Corps officials have organized several clean up activities. Volunteers will install picnic tables, fire rings, lantern posts, and hitching posts at McCown Valley Park. A Tire-Round-up Rodeo competition is available for any interested volunteers. Whitney Independent Lake Divers (WILD), Tiger Shark Scuba, and Surface Interval Scuba are organizing a special underwater debris collection at Walling Bend Park. Interested certified divers should contact Kathryn Haferkamp at (254) 622-3332.

In addition to clean up activities, a festival to celebrate the day's success will be held at McCown Valley Group Shelter. Over a half dozen local City, County, State and Federal Agencies will have exhibits to browse. Other groups and organizations in attendance are Whitney Fire Department, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. Featured guest appearances by Smokey the Bear, Splasher the Frog, and Mac Gruff the Crime Dog. There will also be a Kiddy Corner set up that will host a coloring contest for kids during the festival.

Early registration is encouraged and will continue through Sept. 12 but volunteers are welcome to register the day of the event. For more information on how to become involved in NPLD, call the Whitney Lake office at (254) 622-3332 or visit the NPLD website at [www.npld.com](http://www.npld.com).